Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts.

OFFICE OF THE
M.·. E.·. GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

HAVERHILL, March 13, 1893.

To the R.·. E.·. District Deputy High Priests,
and to the High Priest, Officers and Members of
each Subordinate Chapter in this Jurisdiction.

Whereas the dignity and importance of the Capitular Rite requires that the greatest care and decorum should be observed in the working of the several Degrees, to the end that those who are admitted to our order may fully appreciate the beauty and impressiveness of the lessons taught therein:

It is hereby Ordered, That in no case shall either of the Degrees be "communicated," but that they be "worked" on each candidate, except Dispensation be first obtained from the Grand High Priest. It being understood that such Dispensation will only be given in case of great emergency.

I am aware that the spirit of this order has been fully carried out in the greater portion of the Chapters, but complaints have been made to me that in some cases the work has been done as though the Chapter Ritual was of slight importance.

Let all unite in strengthening and upbuilding this important branch of Ancient Craft Masonry.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the Grand Chapter this thirteenth day of March, 1893.

J. Albert Blake
M.·. E.·. Grand High Priest.

Attest:

Seranus Bowen,
R.·. E.·. Grand Secretary.